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WOOD COUNTY FAIR
Purses Offered for Races and Exhibits are Large.

The Wood County Fair will be held this year on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, and 2d. Monday will be used as a day in which to arrange exhibits on the ground. The real fair will begin with the races Tuesday on which day there will be three races with a total of \$2000 in stakes. A total of \$7200 in purses is offered for the four days' racing. The premium list in other lines is very liberal and the 27th annual fair will doubtless eclipse its monster predecessors.

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FRAUDULENT SCHEMES
Practiced by Slade Will Place in Penitentiary.

By a note received the first of the week from a postoffice inspector at Coldwater, Michigan, says the North Baltimore Beacon, it is ascertained that one Slade, who married Mrs. E. Fuller, some twelve years ago, and later divorced by her as an all-round crook, at Maumee, is now held at Coldwater, Michigan, for conducting various fraudulent schemes, among them being the sale of bogus stock, represented by him as property of the Wood County Petroleum Company and the Ohio Oil Company.

For years Slade has been operating as an experienced crook in various ways. He has served three years in the Indiana state penitentiary for

MONEY IN MUSSELS

Maumee River Mussels Said to be Most Valuable.

That the mussels in the Maumee river are the most valuable for commercial purposes yet delivered in this country, and that they have those found in the Mississippi beat a duty block, so to speak, are the discoveries of Dr. Chas. Wilson, and H. W. Clark, of the fish commission at Washington, who have been investigating bivalves for the government. The gentlemen arrived Friday morning from Napoleon, and left Saturday morning for Waterville and Maumee says the Grand Rapids Bulletin.

Both men were members of a party which made similar research last summer in the Mississippi river, as a result of which a plan was devised to prevent the extermination of mussels. Both are acquainted with the quality of the mussels in the Mississippi, and Dr. Wilson stated to the Bulletin Saturday that those found in the Maumee are vastly superior for commercial purposes to those in the Mississippi.

Because of the fine quality of the local variety, it is highly probable that the government may make the Maumee a breeding place for mussels and transplant them in the Mississippi.

The work of Dr. Wilson is purely commercial. The great button factories which obtain mussel shells from the Mississippi river became alarmed lest the supply play out in the future. The manufacturers appealed to the government, and money was appropriated to employ experts to devise means for propagating the species.

Dr. Wilson explained that a mussel carries its young on its gills until a certain period when the young detach themselves. If a fish happens along the young mussel will attach itself by means of a pair of hooks to the body of the fish, and cling there until fully developed and ready to drop off into the water. It is absolutely essential that the young mussel attach itself to a fish, or it will die, and because ash are not always conveniently near, thousands of the young mussels die every season.

The members of the commission which explored the Mississippi last summer, located the mussel beds and reported the spawning times of the mussels, and at spawning time employees of the government experiment station in Missouri began work on a plan devised by the commission. Great numbers of the small mussels were scraped at the proper time from the gills of the mother mussels, and placed in a large tank. A large number of minnows were then procured and thrown into the tank, and when the mussels all found lodgment on the minnows were again turned into the Mississippi.

It is in this manner that the government hopes to prevent the extinction of the mussels, or the depletion of the supply.

Dr. Wilson presented the Bulletin with a few samples of mussels that are worth about \$16 a ton. The kind that the government will breed bring \$60 a ton and will weigh from a pound to a pound and a half. He said that the slack water was a splendid place for mussels, and that the government might locate a hatchery some place between the Rapids and Defiance. He said it was shameful the way mussels are being destroyed by boys who break the shells to secure pearls. There would be more money in it for the boys if they would gather the shells and sell them.

FARMERS PICNIC

Fine Programme for Annual Outing at Maumee River.

The annual picnic of Wood county farmers will be held at Vollmar's park on the Maumee river Wednesday, August 19th. A fine program of speaking and athletic sports has been arranged and the crowd attending will doubtless be a very big one.

FORTY BARREL OILER.

A fine forty barrel oiler has been drilled in on the Pray farm in Middleton township by the Judd oil company, composed of Toledo parties. This is number four on the lease and one of the best yet drilled.

GRAND AND PETIT JURORS

Names of Citizens Drawn for September Term.

The following is a list of names drawn by the Clerk and Sheriff to serve as Jurors for the September term. The Grand Jurors, to report to the Court on September 14, are as follows:

F. G. Hopper, Bowling Green.
W. I. Borough, North Baltimore.
J. W. Greiner, Lima City.
Frank Hopper, Bowling Green.
Wm. Cook, Rossford.
David Lahey, sr., Dowling.
Jacob Mincks, Bowling Green.
A. D. Bosler, North Baltimore.
C. W. Solesher, Jerry City.
M. B. Reider, Bowling Green.
John O'Leary, Moline.
F. T. McLaughlin, North Baltimore.
Fred Miller, Haskins.
Wm. O'Neill, Weston.
George Crocker, Rudolph.

The Petit Jurors who are to report for duty on September 21, are as follows:

George Smith, Bowling Green.
George Craig, Perryburg.
George Speck, Pemberville.
Dell Parson, North Baltimore.
John Warns, Lima City.
Henry Morris, Bowling Green.
R. A. Housley, Grand Rapids.
S. P. Hathaway, Luckey.
S. M. Cramer, Bloomdale.
Jacob Gross, Walbridge.
Joe E. Baird, Bowling Green.
Charles Frusher, Perryburg.
Ed. Drake, North Baltimore.
C. C. Hampshire, Jerry City.
E. H. King, Haskins.
M. J. Caskie, Prairie Depot.
Wm. Martin, Pemberville.
Robert Hannah, Grand Rapids.

COURT HOUSE CULLINGS

Interesting News Concerning Business Done in County Offices.

Harriet M. Calender has brought suit for divorce against Silas H. Calender. She states that they were married in 1902 and says that since that time he has been guilty of gross neglect of duty and has failed to provide for her.

Elbert B. Avery has begun suit for divorce against Minnie E. Avery. He charges her with gross neglect of duty, declaring that she has failed to do her household duties properly and accuses him falsely of associations with other women. He says they are unable to live together and he wants a divorce and the custody of their two children.

David A. Wiggins has brought suit for divorce against Blanche C. Wiggins. He says they were married in 1903 and have one child. He says she has not done her household work properly and that she has been guilty of improper conduct with other men. He wants divorce and custody of their child. He also brings suit against Lochmiller for damages in the sum of five thousand dollars for alleged alienation of his wife's affections.

L. D. Hill has brought suit against Frances M. Johnston, administratrix of the estate of Joseph W. Johnston and Frances M. Johnston for the payment of \$175, alleged to be due as a commission for selling a farm of eighty acres.

In a supplement and amendment to her petition filed some time ago, Elizabeth H. Munn vs. Cloyce H. Munn, asks in addition to alimony and the custody of their child, a divorce.

Mary Ullis has begun suit against Birt Ullis for divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty. They were married in 1893 but have no children. Plaintiff says that defendant has been guilty of habitual drunkenness and has threatened to kill her. She asks the court for a divorce, alimony and her maiden name, Mary Montgomery. Further she wants the court to restrain the defendant from disposing of what household goods and farm implements they are joint owners.

Judge Fries held court Saturday and granted a divorce to Elizabeth F. Thompson from John W. Thompson on grounds of gross neglect of duty. She was given the custody of the minor children and a clear title to real property owned by her.

Minnie M. Fausnaugh has begun suit against Barney Fausnaugh for divorce. She charges Barney with extreme cruelty and drunkenness.

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CAUGHT THE MAN

Who is Charged with Wronging Toledo Girls.

"That's the man," exclaimed Annie Adams, 16, of Toledo, the young girl who was enticed from her home and assaulted near Perryburg Sunday, August 9, as she with Detective Joseph Nichter were waiting for a car in Perryburg Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, says the Times.

The detective placed the man under arrest and brought him back to Toledo, where he admitted his crime to the authorities and said that his name is Edward Groves. He is 35 years old and said that he came to Toledo a few weeks ago from Detroit, where he had been for some time, having lived west most of his life.

Ever since the Adams girl's case was reported to the police, a week ago last Monday, the authorities have been making every effort to locate the guilty man and Detective Nichter has taken the girl and made two trips to the Wood county town and vicinity, at his own expense, but until today was unsuccessful in finding any trace of the man.

Annie Adams was not the only victim, it is alleged. Agnes Sodd, 14 years of age, of 922 Champlain street, was also enticed from her home with the promise of work, on Sunday, August 2. Groves, who gave the name of "Shipman" to the girls, represented himself to be a prosperous farmer, it is said, living in the Maumee valley and needing help for his wife.

In each case, Groves took the girl on a Perryburg car out to the first road after crossing the Maumee bridge, it is alleged, where they got off. He pointed out a light, it is said, in the distance across the fields and said that was his home. After climbing fences and crossing fields, it is alleged, he stopped and attacked the two young girls, then left them helpless.

Annie Adams was positive in her identification of the man the first time she saw him, but Agnes Sodd, hesitated at first, because the man had altered his appearance, she said, by shaving off his mustache and changing hats. After hearing the man's voice and looking at him more closely, however, she said that he was the man, who led her away from home on August 2.

The Adams girl's story is more brutal in its recital than the story of the assault which caused the riot in Springfield, Illinois, and ever since the case was reported to the police, every effort has been made to apprehend Groves. The police have no fund at their disposal for hunting criminals outside of Lucas county and it was necessary for Detective Nichter to defray his expenses out of his own pocket. He was assisted in hunting for the man by R. C. Schaumlöffel, the Perryburg marshal.

Yesterday a letter written by Groves to his former employer, Frank Lesch, a farmer, was given to Detective Nichter. Groves stated that he was going to Bowling Green. Marshal Schaumlöffel had his ticket purchased and ready to start to the county seat to hunt for Groves, when he was captured by Nichter, who was preparing to return to Toledo without the prisoner.

Groves may have led a third victim to the place, for Marshal Schaumlöffel has a skirt and some underclothing which was found on the spot and both of the girls, who have reported the case to the police, say that they did not leave anything there. The marshal also holds a revolver, said to belong to Groves, which he is said to have left with a farmer by the name of Miller, who lives in the neighborhood.

According to the Adams girl's story, the man acted like a maniac and she is still in a very serious condition from the effects of the brutal assault. She said that the man visited other houses in her neighborhood and tried to get girls to accompany him to help his wife can peaches. One girl was ready to start, but her father came in and said she couldn't go. The man will be taken around to these houses and also around in the neighborhood of 922 Champlain street for further identification, before being taken back to Wood county for his hearing.

The police department is very proud of their catch and say that a life sentence is too good for the man. Inspector Carew and Captain Hall of the detective force are sure that they have the right man and say that it was the best catch that has been made by the department for some time. The prisoner admits one assault but denies the others.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Wood County Democrats Nominate County Ticket.

Tuesday opened bright and inviting and a large number of Democrats assembled at Bowling Green for the purpose of holding their county convention and placing in nomination a ticket for county officers.

The Bradner band furnished the music for the occasion and it was a mighty good quality of music they gave.

The preliminary meeting was held in the assembly room in the court house, where W. F. Allworth was introduced as temporary chairman of the meeting and V. M. Bradfield as temporary secretary.

The usual committees were appointed and the convention adjourned for dinner to meet at 1 o'clock p. m. in the city park for further deliberation. The afternoon session commenced by receiving reports of committees. The temporary organization was made permanent and the announcement of candidates was taken up.

Frank Thomas of Bowling Green, and B. J. Leathers of Henry township, were announced for representative, and the ballot gave Thomas 243; Leathers 203; giving Thomas the nomination.

A little time was then taken to listening to speeches by Ex-Gov. Jas. C. Campbell and Congressman Sherwood, after which balloting for candidates was resumed.

For auditor Philip Wetzel of Perryburg, and Frank Wolfe of Bowling Green, were announced. The ballot gave Wetzel 282, Wolfe 151, nominating Wetzel.

For probate judge John S. Hoyman of Pemberville, and Freeman E. Bowers of Perryburg, were announced. Hoyman was nominated by the following vote: Hoyman 366; Bowers 79.

For treasurer there were three candidates and three ballots were required to settle the matter. Adam E. Leydorf of Perryburg, M. M. Fowler of Bradner and J. J. Metz of Bowling Green, were announced. The first ballot resulted as follows: Leydorf, 115; Fowler 175; Metz 141; no choice.

Second ballot: Leydorf, 108; Fowler 222; Metz 109. No choice.

Leydorf then withdrew his name and the third ballot gave Fowler the nomination.

For sheriff E. J. Alkire of Bowling Green, was nominated by acclamation.

For prosecuting attorney Wm. Dunlap of Bowling Green and Geo. W. Fries of Jerry City, were announced and Dunlap was nominated by the following vote: Dunlap 231; Fries 151.

For clerk of courts George F. Histe of Portage, was nominated by acclamation.

For surveyor Edward F. Metzger of Troy township, received the nomination by acclamation.

For commissioner Wm. Roller of Dowling, J. W. Whitaker of Weston, and G. W. Hengstler of Montgomery, were nominated.

For coroner Dr. Altmaier of Rudolph, received the nomination.

KILLED AT BRADNER

Clarence Schell Struck by a Trolley on the T. F. & F.

Clarence Schell, aged 12, was struck by a trolley car on the T. F. & F. at Bradner about nine o'clock Sunday morning and died Sunday night at midnight from the injuries received.

The boy with several other small boys were standing between the tracks of the Hocking Valley line and the electric line, which parallel each other at Bradner. At the time of the accident a freight was passing on the Hocking and Schell was watching it standing upon the track of the trolley line. The car came up from the north and apparently the boy did not see it. He was struck and thrown twenty feet in the air coming down upon the fender of the car.

The body remained on the fender and was removed after the car had stopped. One leg was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary and the other was also broken. It is presumed that he suffered internal injuries.—Sentinel.

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